

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 5—2011

DATE: May 4, 2011
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members Martinson; Rudolph; Thompson;
Berard; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.
OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Tom Wiensch; Pete Wolk; Bill Welsh.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:04 a.m. Chair Baier called the meeting to order, noting that it had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT REVISED AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF REVISED AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to approve the current revised agenda with the order of revised agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—Fiene reported that the April timber stumpage revenue was \$27,463.15 and the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue was \$438,956.49. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Berard, to approve the timber stumpage revenue report. Motion carried.

b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to act on the following timber sale contracts as follows:

Contract # 1503 held by Bob Smith Logging extend for one year with 10% rate increase.
Contract # 1508 held by Jim Poyda Logging extend for one year with 10% rate increase.
Contract # 1444 held by Burt Collins Logging close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$18,337.00), *pending road inspection*.
Contract # 1537 held by Graap Logging close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$19,443.64).

Motion carried

c) **Award Timber Sale Bids to successful Bidders**—In keeping with the recently approved policy allowing Forestry Staff to open, read, and record timber sale bids at a publicly advertised place and date, this was done by Oneida County Forestry Department Staff on May 3, 2011, with the following results of the successful Bidders being presented to the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee as follows:

Tract 1-11 awarded to high bidder, Wesley Bushor, total bid value \$67,032.50.
Tract 2-11 awarded to high bidder, Weyerhaeuser, total bid value \$23,706.00.
Tract 4-11 awarded to high bidder, Fink Forest Products, total bid value \$62,136.50.
Tract 6-11 awarded to high bidder, Kafka Forestry, total bid value \$26,208.90.
Tract 8-11 awarded to high bidder, Weyerhaeuser, total bid value \$53,458.75.
Tract 10-11 awarded to high bidder, Graap Logging, total bid value \$28,173.15.
Tract 11-11 awarded to high bidder, Tom Hartwig Logging Inc, total bid value \$23,300.67.

It was moved by Thompson seconded by Berard, to award the tracts to the high bidders as stated above, and pending final computation checks. Motion carried.

Bilogan asked the Committee if they liked or disliked the new method / policy for handling timber sale bids / bid openings. All Committee members felt the new method / policy was an improvement, and felt the staff should continue to follow the new method / policy for future timber sale bid openings.

UPDATE ON THE CLEARWATER LAKE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE

AGREEMENT IN THREE LAKES (SEC.23-T39N-R10E)—Oneida County Corporation Counsel had received a reply from the Thomas L. Dosch, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, concerning the Gohlke's situation as it relates to the Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement in Three Lakes, in which Mr. Dosch declined the County's invitation to engage in discussion about compromising or waiving the court-ordered penalties. Oneida County Assistant Corporation Counsel, Tom Wiensch, suggested that the County reply to Mr. Dosch's letter of April 12, 2011, and request the purchase of an easement from the Gohlkes by the State of Wisconsin, in order to allow a section of snowmobile trail to exist, that it vitally important to the snowmobile trail economy in Oneida, and Vilas, Counties. In addition, the Three Lakes Trail and the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club wrote a letter to the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice in an effort to find alternative ways to keep Trail 13 open between Three Lakes and Eagle River. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to support the Three Lakes Trail and the Northern Lights Snowmobile Clubs letter to the WDOJ. Motion carried.

RAINBOW FLOWAGE SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE UPDATE—Bilogan distributed a time line on the Rainbow Flowage Bidding Process, and stated that a plan had been received from Cooper Engineering.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2010 ANNUAL REPORT—Bilogan distributed the Forestry Department 2010 Annual Report, which will also be handed out at the May County Board meeting. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the Forestry Department 2010 Annual Report. Motion carried.

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION (WCFA) 2011 SUMMER TOUR:

- a) Final Agenda. Bilogan distributed the final agenda of the 2011 WCFA Summer Tour, June 22—24, 2011.
 - b) Information Packet. Bilogan distributed the Oneida County Forestry Department plastic bags and samples of what will be in the information packets.
 - c) Door Prizes. Donations of door prizes are beginning to trickle into the Forestry Office, but more are needed.
 - d) County Board Invitation. Bilogan reiterated who would be invited to the Summer Tour, and stressed no mileage and per diem will be paid to the County Board. However, Bilogan inquired if the banquet could be paid for one of the speakers, Ron Eckstein; and Forestry Workers Bill Breivogel and Bill Kenealy. Also if Thursday night motel accommodation of Jack Martinson should be paid.
- It was agreed that the Forestry Department would pay for these items.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT PROGRAM / SERVICES REPORT:

a) Review and approve completed report accounts. Bilogan had not had the opportunity to work on these accounts and present them to the FLORC at this time. The program / services report is due May 15, 2011.

b) Schedule special FLORC meeting to review and approve balance of report.

Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. was selected for the special FLORC meeting date to review and approve balance of report.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFER(S) IF

NECESSARY—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment:

Creative Designs & Signs \$130.00; Shoeder's \$5.95; Cooper Engineering \$13,604.80; Little Rice ATV Riders \$7,200.00; Oneida Co. ATV Assn. \$4,500.00; Argonne Lumber \$159.81; Lamers Bus Lines \$3,550.00; Airgas \$24.80; Auto Value \$245.08; Pomp's Tire \$222.10; Northwoods River News \$102.73; Fastenal Co. \$33.17 + \$10.52; Home Depot \$55.48; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$49.70; Wisconsin Public Service \$402.96 + \$28.78; Menards \$26.43. Motion carried.

No Line Item Transfers.

DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—**June 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S).

2011 WCFA Summer Tour Update; Consider Multi-Use Trail with easements throughout Oneida County, East to West, North to South.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY